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GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO CORRECT BOASTS MADE BY GEN. BRAUCHITSCH

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CORRECT THE BOASTS MADE BY GENERAL VON BRAUCHITSCH, CHIEF OF THE GERMAN ARMY STAFF, THAT BRITAIN WAS PROTECTED BY THE ENGLISH CHANNEL ONLY SO LONG AS IT PLEASES GERMANY. STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

One newspaper has warned the Germans that the conquest of England is not easy nor quickly carried out. "In achieving an undertaking of such magnitude, a few months more or less is of no importance," states the paper.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO AIRMEN

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore has sent a Christmas message to every unit of the air force.

He said: "To all ranks of the R.A.F. the Royal Australian Air Force and the South African Air Force—you have all played your part splendidly in maintaining the high traditions of your service. With our ever increasing resources and the high morale in our struggle, we shall look forward to a victorious new year and a happier Christmas."

FURTHER EFFORTS

General Sir Archibald Wavell Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, in a special Order of the day to his troops said:

"The operations have not ended and further efforts in the same spirit as before will bring further successes. What you have achieved is a triumph of careful preparation, good administration and hard training. Our striking forces could not have moved so rapidly without the co-operation of all workers."

Gen. Wavell also added a word of special thanks to the supply services and the signal service.

ITALIAN SHIP DETAINED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Japanese military authorities have detained the Italian steamer, Commandante Carlini, on its arrival here with \$30,000 worth of cotton from the Yangtze Delta without a Japanese permit.

"This makes the sixth Axis ship to be detained by the Japanese within a week as on Dec. 21 three Italian and two German Yangtze River freighters were detained owing to alleged failure previously to obtain export and removal permits from the Japanese before shipping raw material from occupied areas to Shanghai."

Sympathy Between Two Fleets

LONDON, DEC. 26 (REUTER)—HEADS OF THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES NAVIES HAVE EXCHANGED LETTERS AND GIFTS MARKING THE SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO FLEETS.

"I have learned with great satisfaction that you had a mad one of the former American destroyers now part of the British Fleet, the Lincoln," Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the United States Navy, wrote to Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, adding: "Surely in a war fought for the preservation of human liberty, no more significant name could have been chosen."

Col. Knox adds the hope that one picture would be hung in the Admiralty, and one in the wardroom of the destroyer Lincoln.

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Today's News Summary

THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, Mr. A. V. Alexander, has pictures of Abraham Lincoln. One will hang in the ward room of H.M.S. Lincoln, a destroyer recently transferred to the Royal Navy from the U.S. Navy, and the other in the First Lord's room in the Admiralty.

THE EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDLY RECEPTION shown by the friendly city of Montevideo is commented on with gratitude by Lord Willingdon in a farewell message to Uruguay on the conclusion of the British Trade Mission's visit to South American countries.

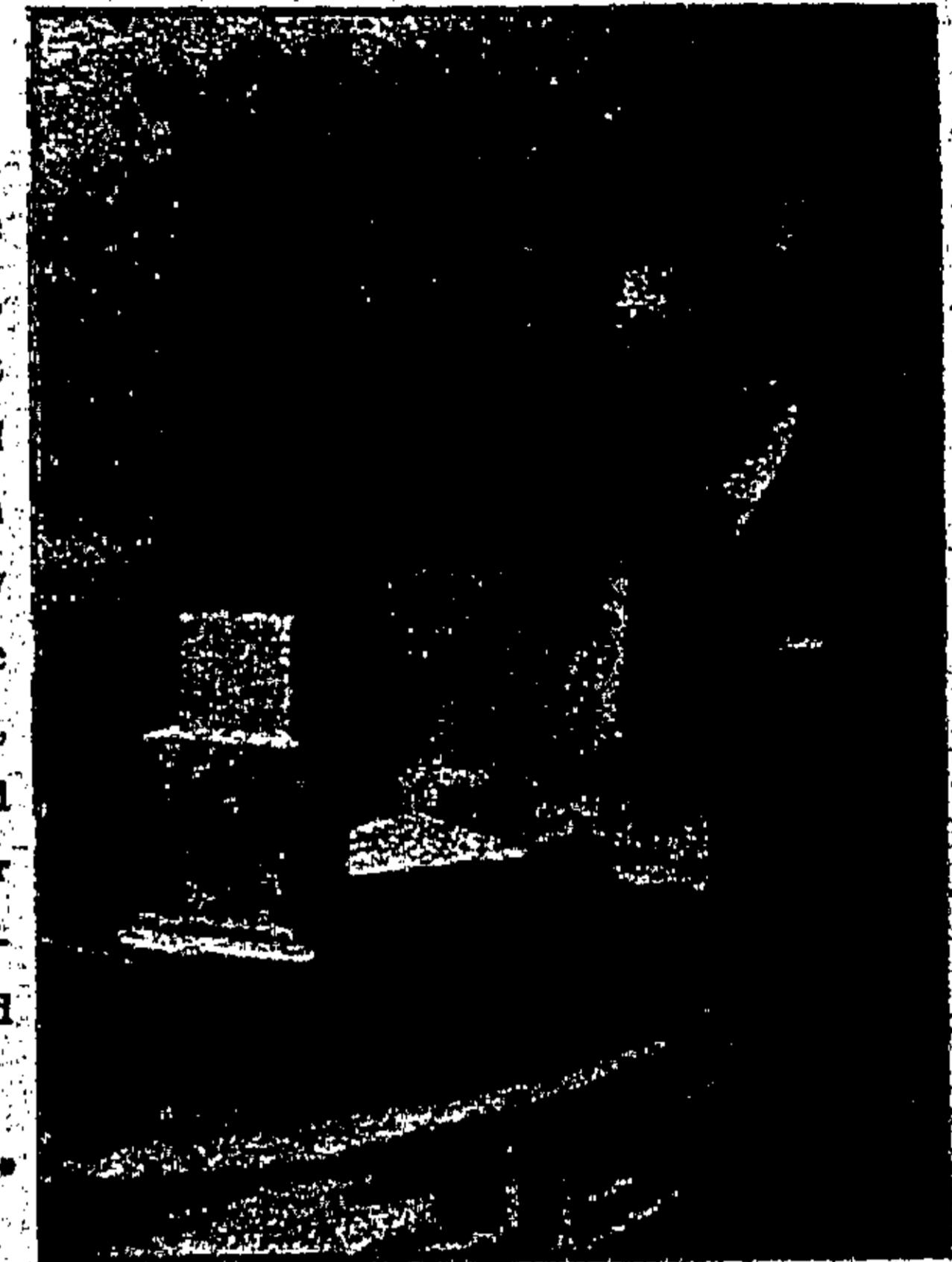
IN A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, THE ADMIRALTY paid warm tribute to the courage and tenacity of all units of the British Fleet, while in a message to the air forces Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore expressed thanks to all units for the part they are playing.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES WERE ISSUED by H.M. the King, Queen Wilhelmina, President Roosevelt and His Holiness the Pope.

A ROTTEN BRAWL IN A CAFE IN SHANGHAI is reported and it is stated that nine American marines were sent to hospital. A hundred American and Italian marines participated.

"OUR FEET ARE PLANTED ON THE PATH TO VICTORY"

H. M. The King's Christmas Message To His People



THAILAND FRONTIER SKIRMISHES

BANGKOK, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Day long skirmishes on the Thail-Indo-China frontier on Christmas eve, are reported in the latest communiqué.

The incidents occurred along a salient from Nakon Panom in the north to Aranya Prades in the south.

The communiqué states: "The French fired across the frontier with both artillery and machine-guns. Our guns vigorously replied, scoring several direct hits, silencing the French guns, but one woman was killed and two men slightly injured on this side of the frontier. It is believed that the French also suffered casualties."

Indian Troops Mechanised

SINGAPORE, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Indian troops, which arrived recently, comprised virtually a complete army of infantry, sappers, miners and auxiliary services.

"They are completely mechanised.

"At the same time the smaller units employed on escort, patrol and minesweepers have carried out their arduous duties so essential to the defence of our trade and the life of the country, in a courageous and tireless manner in all weather and have earned the gratitude and admiration of the Admiralty."

Christmas in France was celebrated in very cold weather and the whole country was deep in snow, states a London message.

In Toulon, 22 deg. of frost was reported on Christmas night, and the temperature was 9 deg. below freezing point at midday in bright sunshine.

A heavy fall of snow is also reported in Rome.

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"The future will be hard, but our feet are planted on the path to victory and, by the help of God, we shall make our way to justice and peace," said HIS MAJESTY THE KING, when he broadcast his Christmas message to his people from London on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

"In days of peace," said His Majesty, "the feast of Christmas is a time when we all gather in our homes, young and old, to enjoy the happy festivities and good will of what the Christmas message brings. It is most of all a children's day and I am sure that we shall do our best to make it a happy one for them wherever they may be."

"War brings, among other things, sadness and separation. There are many in the forces away from their homes today, because they must stand ready and alert to resist the invader, should he dare to come, or because they are guarding the dark seas or pursuing the beaten foe on the Libyan desert.

"Many families are without them. Children from English homes are today in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, for not only have the manhood of our British Commonwealth rallied once more to the aid of the mother country in her hour of need, but the peoples of the Empire have gladly thrown open the doors of their homes to our children so that they may be spared from the dangers of modern war."

"And in the United States also, where we find so many generous and loyal friends and organisations to give us unstinted help, warm-hearted people are caring for many of our children until the war is over. But how many more children are there here, who have been moved from their homes to safer quarters?"

"To all of them, at home and abroad, who are separated from their fathers and mothers to their kind friends and hosts and to all who love them, and the parents who will be lonely without them from all in our island, we wish them every happiness that Christmas can bring."

IN THE FRONT LINE

"May the New Year carry us towards victory and to happy Christmas days when in her power to keep that atmosphere friendly."

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British Bombers Attack Dromes Beyond Tobruk

In North Africa, British bombers made attacks on aerodromes beyond Tobruk, states a London message.

All the bombs fell in the target area, but the extent of the damage could not be seen.

Throughout the day, our fighters were patrolling over Libya, but did not come across a single Italian plane.

The Italians have been trying to break up the British forces around Bardia with dive bombing attacks. Most of the attacks are reported to have been ineffective and caused only two casualties.

RECORD CROWD ATTEND RACE MEETING AT KWANTI

Fanling Cup Won By Mr. P. P. Botelho: Special Sweep

HELD IN IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB, at Kwanti, yesterday, was a success from the point of attendance and fine racing.

There was a record attendance, and the crowd was such as to upset all transportation arrangements as the number of carriages on the special train was absolutely inadequate.

Hundreds of race-goers went to Fanling by motor-cars and taxis rather than travel on the overcrowded train.

On arrival at Fanling, the buses were so few that the majority of those who went out by train walked to the course. The return trip by train was worse, as two to three hundred racing fans were left stranded on the platform, there to cool their heels for 45 minutes as the special train was packed to overflowing and those left behind had to return to Kowloon on the ordinary slow train.

The arrangements at the paying-out counters of the pari-mutuel—both win and places—could be considerably improved, as could also the service in these departments. Successful punters had to wait as long as 40 minutes to collect their winnings, with the result that there were grumbling galore.

GOVERNOR PRESENT

H.E. the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. H. F. Norton, accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., and Mr. G. Brewerton, Private Secretary, arrived before the second race, as did H.E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Hon. Mr. C. G. Perte and Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers.

Dividends were, on the whole, low as the majority of the favourites turned up. The only real upset was caused by Chatterbox when it romped home to pay \$16 for a win in the fifth race.

Mr. P. Y. T. Wei was the most successful jockey with two wins, while Mr. P. P. Botelho piloted Quick Despatch to victory in the Fanling Cup event.

It is most regrettable that there are only two more meetings on the calendar of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club as, with better travel and pari-mutuel arrangements, the meetings of this Club would be as popular as that held yesterday.

RACE ONE

Putting March Brown to the front from the word "go" L. J. A. Fielden allowed his mount to lead all the way to the winning post.

Zero and Mortmain were second and third, respectively, and finished in that order.

Three Partings was fourth. "The Tai Po Hurdle Race" (11 miles) Mr. W. T. Stanton's March Brown, 168 lbs. (Mr. L. J. A. Fielden) 1. Mr. M. F. L. Haynes' Zero, 160 lbs. (Mr. M. F. L. Haynes) 2. Mr. J. G. Whitaker's Mortmain, 160 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chatley) 3. Won by many lengths & neck between second and third.

Time: 2:54. Pari-Mutuel:—
Winner: \$11.50.
Places: \$8.20; \$7.40; \$9.00.

Also ran—Cape Cormorin 170 lbs. (Ms. Hunt); Clowner 165 (Lt.-Col. Way); Dow-Jones 160 (Cup; Hook); Three Partings 160 (Capt. Ingram). Betting

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HOLIDAY CRICKET

J. E. Richardson Hits Up 144 At Chater Road

There was some high scoring in the friendly cricket match played on the Chater Road ground yesterday when the Hongkong Cricket Club drew with the Wanderers' XI.

J. E. RICHARDSON, who has been making some very useful scores of late for C.S.C.C., delighted with a splendid knock for 144, for the Club who totalled 368 for four wickets, declared.

A. E. Perry contributed 48, L. T. Ride 44, H. Owen-Hughes 31 not out and D. I. Bosanquet 20.

The Wanderers compiled 253 for the loss of seven wickets when stumps were drawn.

Major D. C. E. Grose hit 72 and other big contributors were A. H. Coombes 77 and T. A. Pearce 52. Owen-Hughes captured four wickets for 63.

"OVER 20" WIN

At the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, in an intra-club match, the "Over 20" defeated "Under 20" by 21 runs.

OVER 20: 163 for 9 (Maj. W. Parsons, 7; T. A. Madar 56, F. Zimmerman 3 for 39, L. R. Bunch 3 for 25, Anderson 2 for 13).

UNDER 20: 100 (D. J. N. Anderson 41 not out, R. T. Broadbridge 10, E. Charles 4 for 68, R. Baldwin 3 for 47, E. F. Fletcher 3 for 26).

Betting

Win. Place

Arabian Cat 222 381

Galant Marshal 201 124

Gold Eagle 19 58

King's Sherry 93 154

for 47, E. F. Fletcher 3 for 26.

NORWICH GIVES LESSON IN GOAL GETTING

Home Soccer Scores

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—The following are the results of home football matches played yesterday:

NORTH

Blackburn 0, Preston 0
Bradford 0, Huddersfield 5
Burnley, Manchester 0
Bury 5, Halifax 3
Wrexham 2, Chester 1
Chesterfield 2, York 0
Doncaster 0, Lincoln 0
Grimby 1, Hull 1
Leeds 2, Bradford 1

RACE THREE

There was never any doubt as to Sea Urchin winning this steeplechase as it led right from the start, leading, after the first time round by many lengths.

Kioloa which was second until the home run dropped out of the race.

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CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1

No. 112 \$1,194.26
No. 834 341.21
No. 724 170.61

Tickets Nos. 262, 874, 308, 1015 get \$50 each.

RACE 2

No. 1161 \$1,326.42
No. 483 378.97
No. 267 189.49

Tickets Nos. 846, 1262, 23, 782, 932, 1133 get \$50 each.

RACE 3

No. 861 \$1,655.81
No. 1114 473.09

No. 4 236.54

Tickets Nos. 1377, 1021 get \$50 each.

RACE 5

No. 780 \$889.00
No. 971 254.00

No. 415 127.00

Tickets Nos. 801, 1891, 1123, 1515, 562, 1052, 205, 482, 794, 138 get \$25 each.

RACE 6

No. 1583 \$1,803.84
No. 702 523.04

No. 1830 261.52

Tickets Nos. 603, 1518, 1867, 281, 1767 get \$50 each.

CHRISTMAS RUGBY RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—The following are the results of matches played in the Rugby League yesterday.

Bradford 27, Bramley 2

Castelford 4, Wakefield 11

Dewsbury 8, Featherstone 15

Huddersfield 8, Halifax 12

Hull 13, Hunslet 11

Leeds 28, Batley 5

Liverpool 5, Warrington 10

Wigan 12, Salford 6

York 20, Keighley 13.

ARMY RUGBY XV

The following will represent the Army v. the Navy in the second round of the Quadrangular Tournament at Happy Valley at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday.

L/C. Picton; L/Sgt. Richards

Capt. Hook; Capt. Douglas; Pte. McDonald; Lt. Coombes; 2/Lt. Wedderburn; Cpl. Sutherland 2/Lt. Ford; 2/Lt. Bompas; 2/Lt. Heath; 2/Lt. Millar; 2/Lt. Pinkerton; Capt. Duke; Cpl. Gillam.

RESERVES—L/C. Foley; Capt. Barclay; Pte. Berry; L/Sgt. Marsh; 2/Lt. Eddie.

ENGLAND SCORE

After a nice movement initiated by Bright, Hendy opened the account for England. This lead, however, was short-lived, the Portuguese drawing level through Santos who netted after Robinson had saved a ground shot from Campos.

After the interval Portugal were the first to look dangerous. Showing a fine burst of speed Gomes ran through to gather a pass from Santos but was robbed by Robinson just in time.

Excitement reached a high pitch and a few of the players were cautioned by the referee.

Portugal made strenuous efforts but with only four forwards they could not get through the stout resistance of Roughley and Freshwater. A. V. Gosano made two attempts to continue the game but had to give up.

NICE MOVEMENT

Following a nice movement down the middle Hendy ran through to beat Marques with a nice shot to give England the lead.

Undaunted Portugal again moved up to the attack and Campos, Santos and Gomes were seen in some bouts of pretty passing, as the result of one of which Campos equalised.

England attacked strongly and for the next 15 minutes pinned Portugal in the their half of the field.

"Bertie" Gosano did yeoman service, on several occasions clearing just in time. Marques also came in for his share of work.

Portugal's goal had narrow escapes, both Fox and Sow just failing to score.

About ten minutes from time

Ridge netted the winning goal and thus completed his "hat trick."

This came when B. Gosano missed a centre from Bickford allowing Hendy an open goal.

The game, on the whole, attained

quite a high standard. England

stayed the pace much better but several of the Portuguese players

were showing "bells to mend"

in the second half. It was un-

fortunate that Portugal had to

play without their stalwart A. V.

Gosano, for a greater part of the

game though England also lost

the services of Britt for some 15

minutes in the second half.

ENGLAND

Ridge; Bickley; Freshwater;

Pope; Bright; Britt;

Fox; Le Page; Hendy; Sow and

SPORTS

International Charity Soccer Competition

England Defeat Portugal: A. V. Gosano Injured

One of the biggest surprises for some time in local soccer was provided by SCOTLAND on Christmas Day when they defeated the redoubtable CHINA eleven by six goals to five in the semi-final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition at Boundary Street.

The game was full of thrills and excitement and was fought out at a grueling pace, the Scots staging a wonderful rally in the second half.

On the Kowloon ground yesterday ENGLAND had to fight all the way against PORTUGAL whom they just beat by the odd goal in five. The Portuguese played a much better game than was expected and deserved a better fate especially as they played with ten men for almost the whole game.

HARD FIGHT BY PORTUGAL

SCOTLAND UPSETS CHINA

Down four goals to one at the interval, Scotland staged a magnificent recovery in the second half to eliminate the holders, China, in the final.

Playing with only ten men, A. V. Gosano, having been hurt in the first half, put up a great fight and only the grand work of the English intermediate line, Pope, Bright and Britt, prevented a nippy Portuguese forward line from turning the tide.

The game started at a fast pace with both sides attacking in turn. A. V. Gosano sent a through pass to Gomes who eluded Freshwater to part for Campos. The latter sent in a low shot which Robinson did well to save.

Taking up the attack again England nearly scored. Fox, after making a good run down the wing centred lowly and Bickford's weak header was easily saved by Marques.

A. V. Gosano received an injury to his left knee and had to be carried off the field.

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COMING EVENTS

DEC. 27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.05 p.m.; Low 2.29 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
R.A.C.C. Dinner Dance, Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 8 a.m.—12 noon.
Evacuation Representative Committee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.
Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for Debentures, 6 p.m.
Teachers' Training College Christmas Concert, 8 p.m.
H.K. Polo Club, R. A. Cup.
Y.M.C.A.: X'Mas Dance for Services Wards' Union Inaugural Ceremony, 7.30 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.48 p.m.; Low 3.13 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
Little Flower Club Christmas Dinner.

29—Tides: High 10.13 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 8 p.m.
Chinese Recreation Club "At Home."

30—Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m.; Low 4.32 a.m. and 2.20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

31—Tides: High 12.06 a.m. and 10.45 p.m.; Low 5.10 a.m. and 4.02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.03 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
New Year's Eve.

Claims against Norddeutscher Lloyd, Brunsen (Agents Melchers and Co.), Chen Hsin Engineering Co. Ltd. due.

Witchnight Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.

CULTURAL ASSOC. FORMED IN KIANGSI

KIAN, Dec. 28 (Central)—Under the joint auspices of the National Chungcheng University and the Kiangsi Provincial Government, a Kiangsi Cultural Reconstruction Association is being organized. The promoters have issued a statement welcoming cultural workers to join the Association. The Department of Reconstruction is being asked to appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of establishing a science institute and a museum.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. today, in the Urban Council Chamber with Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the chair.

Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hongkong in 1940."

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.25 Mozart—Concerto in D Major ("Coronation")

1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegro—Wanda Landowska (Piano) and the Chamber Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Band Music.

Regimental Marches of the Royal Artillery (arr. John Cole)—The Royal Artillery Band (Woolwich); The Great Little Army (Alford); The Contingent—March (Stanley)—The Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division.

8.15 London Relay—"Under the Crooked Cross."

8.30 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

8.30 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

8.45 A Russian Programme.

Dance of the Ringers ("The Snow Maiden"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Storm Music ("Ivan the Terrible"—Rimsky-Korsakov); London Symphony Orchestra—Song of the Viking Guest ("Sadic"—Rimsky-Korsakov)—Theodore Charapine (Bass) w. Orch. "Le Coq D'Or"—Hymn to the Sun (Rimsky-Korsakov—Frank); Mischa Elman (Violin) w. Piano acc. "How Goes It Prince?" ("Prince Igor"—Borodin)—Theodore Charapine (Bass) w. Orch. Copacabana ("The Fair at Sorochin"—Mousorgsky)—London Symphony Orchestra.

10.00 Ravel—Sonatine for Piano.

1st Mov: Moderato; 2nd Mov: Menuet; 3rd Mov: Anime—Alfred Cortot (Piano).

10.20 Cesar Franck—Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento—Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Allegro non troppo—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

5.50 Closing local Stock Quotations.

5.52 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—There's A Ranch in the Rockies; Let's Stop the Clock—General and His Orchestra; Quickstep—Make Believe; Moon Love—Victor Silvester and His Balroom Orch.; Fox-Trot—Taint What You Do; The Spider and the Fly—Patsy Walker and His Rhythm; Swing—Skaters' Waltz in Swingtime; Blues—Wolverine Blues—Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Say It with Music—Henry King and His Orchestra.

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POPE'S STIRRING CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR RECOURSE TO REASON, JUSTICE

5 PRECEPTS FOR CONCLUSION OF LASTING WORLD PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—THE SOLACE WE DERIVE FROM THE RICHES OF CHRISTMAS GREETING IS GREATER BECAUSE OF THE SAD TIMES in which we live, said His Holiness the Pope in a broadcast on Christmas Eve from the Vatican after receiving greetings from the College of Cardinals.

"As members of the Roman Curia," the Pope added, "you have a deep-felt understanding for the high mission in which you, each in his own office and domain, have to collaborate and participate."

Referring to the problems that desirable a return to former conditions will arise at the end of the war, the Pope added: "when people will be obliged to dedicate themselves to the task of repairing the deep-seated evil which will be their bitter social and economic heritage," the Pope said that nations will come to be surprised that this pulsating desire for the solution of social problems in a spirit of Christianity.

"The world will leave the hard school of today with an improved mind. Mankind will listen to the voice of reason and of justice. Only in such a state of mind can the world proceed to the establishment of a new order based on justice."

PRECEPTS FOR PEACE
Saying that he wished to give a "few precepts" for the conclusion of a lasting peace, the Pope continued:

"We must strive for (1) victory over hatred for grave damage is inflicted upon the human soul by a lack of love of Christ; (2) victory over lack of trust in international co-operation; (3) victory over the grim principle that force stands for right—that is, return of morality among nations; (4) victory over economic divergencies; (5) victory over egotism."

The Pope added: "We pray that men will grow mature enough to establish a new and just social and economic order. We pray that mankind will be liberated from their tribulations."

Before enunciating the five peace precepts the Pope referred to war which, with tragic and almost fatal persistence, once let loose, proceeds on its way "forgetful of the principles of humanity and indifferent to the usages of convention of war, and goes to such extremes that an age less troubled than yours will one day note its events as among the saddest and darkest of the world's history."

ANGUISHED THOUGHTS.
"Our thoughts run forward anxiously to the moment when the sad chronicles of man the sufferings of minds in anguish, of wounded prisoners and refugees, down-trodden, famished, fainting and weeping, come in their entirety to light. But what we know at present is already sufficient to oppress and tear the heart."

Continuing the Pope said: "Exactly one year ago, in this very place were formulated certain principles regarded as essential for the preservation of peace which would conform to the principles of justice, equity and honour, and would thus be enduring."

"If the succeeding march of events has delayed their application to a more distant time, the self-same proposals have lost none of their intrinsic truth and conformity to reality and their moral force."

WARRING FACTIONS
"Today we find ourselves faced with a fact of some consequence as a symptom. From the impulsion of the polemics of the warring factions concerning their objectives in war and the ultimate peace settlement there emerges ever more clearly in mind a quasi-universal opinion which contends that both pre-war Europe as well as its political structure are now undergoing a process of transformation of such a nature as to signal the dawn of a new era."

"Europe and its system of states will not be as they were before. Something new and better, more advanced, more sound, freer and stronger, must replace the past order and eliminate the defects, weaknesses, and deficiencies which are said to have been convincingly disclosed by recent events."

"Various parties differ in their ideals and aims, but agree in their desire for a new arrangement, and do not consider principles or

Roosevelt's Christmas Greetings To The People

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Most human beings want a "peaceful chance to better the world in a voluntary way and not in the way imposed by conquest," President Roosevelt declared in his annual Christmas greeting to the people of the United States.

The President further declared: "We must keep on striving for a better world. It is unintelligent to defeat Crisis, but progress underneath does not wholly halt. It does go forward." This cannot be a "merry Christmas," the President added, for those of mature years but it can be a "happy Christmas if by happiness we mean that we have done with doubts, that we have set our hearts anew, that we still believe in the golden rule of all mankind."

AIR ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

Four Italian Planes Destroyed

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Four Italian aircraft were definitely destroyed by R.A.F. fighters on offensive patrols over the Bardia-Tobruk area on Dec. 23, states an R.A.F. (Middle East) communiqué.

With regard to the attack on Benina on the night of Dec. 22-23, it is now definitely established that one hangar at the aerodrome there was completely destroyed by fire and that three Italian aircraft on the ground near the hangar were burnt out.

In Italian East Africa, dive-bombing attacks were made on a pumping station near Assab and the target was well-straddled with bombs.

Reconnaissance flights were also made in this area and the Rhodesian attacks on Italian positions near Gallabid. Fires were started by explosions.

SPASMODIC ARTILLERY FIRE IN LIBYA

CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR THE TROOPS

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Spasmodic artillery fire from both sides continued at Bardia. British forces have been subjected to dive-bombing attacks by enemy aircraft but frontline observers state that these attacks were mostly ineffective in causing few casualties.

Throughout the Western Desert, British "padres" held a simple Christmas service for the troops.

ORDER OF DAY. General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of British Troops in the Middle East, in an Order of the Day to the troops, says that operations have not ended and that further efforts with a similar spirit will bring further successes.

The Order thanks all ranks and says that success was due to careful preparation, good administration, and hard training behind the lines as well as in the theatre of war.

Only troops trained to the highest moral and physical pitch, led with dashing confidence, could have carried through the operation so swiftly and successfully and at such small cost.

LONGMORE'S MESSAGE

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, in a message to all ranks of the R.A.F., Australian and South African air forces sends his Christmas greetings.

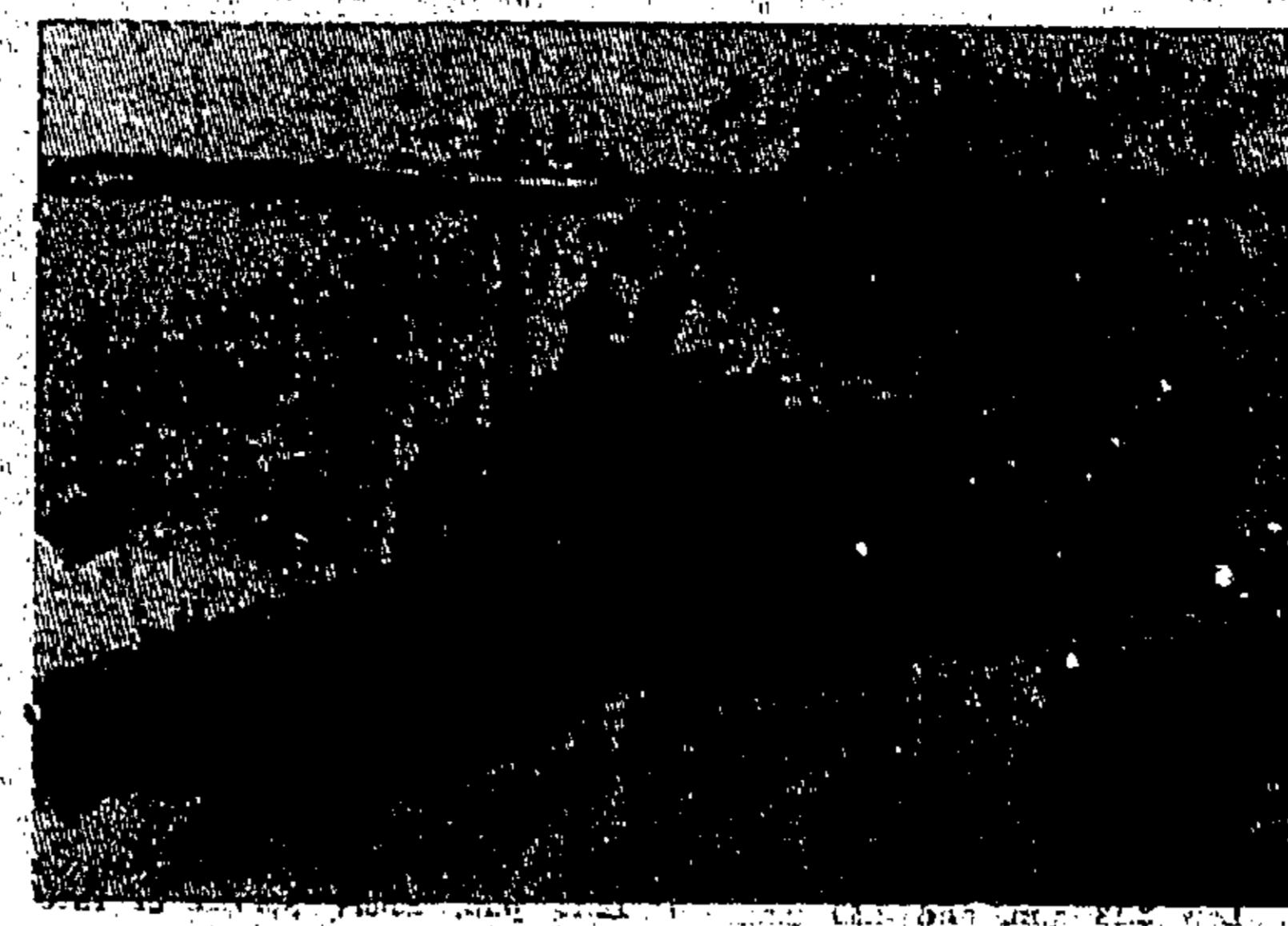
The Air Chief Marshal added that with ever-increasing resources and the high morale of the squadrons, we shall look forward to a victorious new year and a proper Christmas in the years to come.

CHINESE RAID JAP. POSTS IN HONAN

CHENGCHOW, Dec. 26 (Central)—Chinese troops in northern Honan on the night of Dec. 17, made a surprise attack on two Japanese outposts in the outer defence ring of Tsinan, southwest of the city. Another Chinese mobile column raided the Chinlungtan station on the Lung-Hai Railway southwest of Feng-chu. In addition to inflicting numerous casualties on the Japanese garrisons, the Chinese also took a number of prisoners including several officers.

MISCALCULATION. For the Germans to raise the possibility of defeat at the present juncture seems to suggest that they are now beginning to realize they have made a terrible mistake.

GENERAL



Here is the latest type of motor torpedo-boat to protect British shores.

CAROL-SINGING IN LONDON TUBES

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—The Army forgot the serious business ahead for a brief spell to have its biggest "blow-out" of the year—turkey, pork and beef dinner washed down with beer, while those who passed Christmas in London's "tubes" spent the time in carol-singing and gaiety in gaily-decorated underground shelters.

Boys and girls laid out their stockings on Christmas Eve on station platforms where Santa Claus found and filled them.

In one tube shelter on Christmas night, girls in party frocks danced with their partners to music from violin and piano after presents had been distributed to the children from a big Christmas tree.

SCIENTIFIC ESSAY CONTEST

KUNMING, Dec. 26 (Central)—To encourage scientific research among Chinese youths, the Science Society of China is sponsoring an annual essay contest on various scientific subjects. Winners of the contest will each be awarded a prize of \$100.

For the first year, there will be two prizes on physics, one on chemistry, two on biology, two on electric science, one on geology, and one on archaeology.

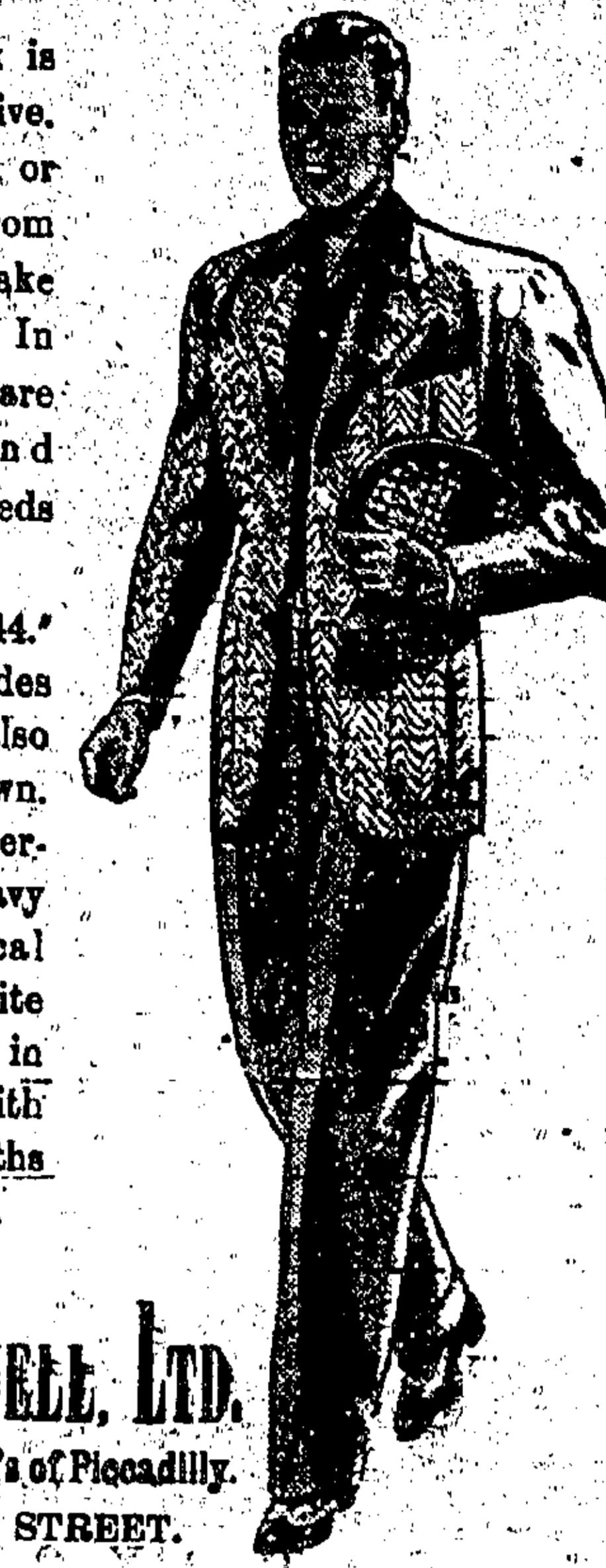
Senior students in various colleges, research fellows, and assistant instructors are qualified to participate in the contest.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS POSTPONED

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"THE LAST CRUSADE":

EARLY PORTUGUESE THEME OF INTERESTING TALK AT MACAO CLUB

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, DEC. 22.—A HIGHLY INTERESTING TALK ON "THE LAST CRUSADE" WAS DELIVERED BY MR. JACK M. BRAGA at the Macao Club last night before a large audience which included H. E. the Governor of Macao, Cmdr. Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, who was accompanied by his Private Secretary, Capt. J. J. da Silva e Costa, and the Bishop of Macao, the Most Rev. D. José da Costa Nunes, accompanied by his Secretary, the Rev. Fr. Fer-

nandes.

Mr. Braga, who spoke in Portuguese, described how the early Portuguese made history, not as a race of warriors and navigators, but rather in the pursuit of a most holy, noble ideal, the highest that Man has been able to conceive, the search for the Holy Grail.

The defeat of the Crusaders in Palestine had left an aggressive and victorious Islam in undisputed possession of the Holy Land. The scattered, long-suffering knights of the Cross prayed and waited for the coming of Prester John, the scourge of Islam, while the Moors drew gold from Christian trade to finance the campaign of fire and sword into the heart of Christian Europe.

While this was going on, Prince Henry of Portugal sat on the Cape of Sagres, thinking long and carefully of the blow which Christian honour and prestige had suffered, and resolutely made up his mind to find that Christian Prester John, of Ethiopia, who lived "somewhere east of Babylon."

SCIENTIFIC MEN

It was Prince Henry's plan to save Christendom that prompted him to gather together around him the greatest combination of scientific men the world had ever known to help him to overcome the difficulties of the long voyage his ships were to undertake.

Meanwhile his brother Prince Peter wandered through the Mediterranean, entered the Holy Land and witnessed the last desecration of Christ's tomb, and voyaged through Europe. In Venice he obtained a manuscript copy of Marco Polo's tale, a valuable present for his brother Henry. At length he got home, and had much to tell his brother who went off and pored over the narrative written by the Venetian.

Little by little, the insignificant caravan, ill-equipped and absurdly fragile, was evolved, and longer and longer excursions were made to probe the mysteries of the seas, with their "horrible monsters which swallowed ships, gigantic savages, fabulous animals, and sirens who lured ships to their doom and who carried souls to hell."

SAKED TRUST

The intrusion of Columbus proved a great blow to the Lusitanian scheme but the Spaniard's temptation did not deter the Portuguese from the sacred trust they had imposed upon themselves. At last there came a day when Vasco da Gama returned from India, and said: "We sought Christians and spices." Christians, first — spices next.

Meanwhile Portuguese arms triumphed over the Crescent, and the battles they won read like fairy tales. Pacheco Pereira's victory over the Mohammedans of Calicut was a success such as had not been heard of since the days of the ancient Greeks. Dom Francisco d'Almeida, with only nineteen ships of war under the banner of the Quinas, displaying the symbol of the Redemption, gained one of the most decisive naval actions in the history of the world against the combined fleets of Egypt and the Prince of India. Goa was wrested from Islamic hands, and Albuquerque laid the foundations of Goa — then Malacca.

From 1523 Ethiopia was devastated and the Portuguese responded to the appeal for aid. Dom Cristovao da Gama and his five hundred men landed on the torrid shores of Makaia, and, with the banners of Portugal waving above them, tramped through one of the most execrable climates in the world through a strange, difficult country, unsuitably clothed, scorched by heat, blinded by glare, soaked by torrential rains, tormented by insects, threatened by animals and harassed by the enemy.

DECISIVE BATTLE

The months it took to advance five hundred miles, and on April

HISTORY

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

GAOL FOR UNEMPLOYED

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on Tsui Kwei, 28, unemployed, who was convicted on a charge of the larceny of five drums of paint from the R.A.O.C. Depot Store, Queen's Road East, on Dec. 22.

It was revealed yesterday, when defendant's finger prints were produced, that Tsui had two previous convictions.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that defendant had been working in painting works in the barracks. The paints stolen were valued at over \$500.

ASSAULT CHARGE

Charged with assaulting Ho Po and Li Shiu with intent to rob Ko Shun, alias Wong Pau-tsai, 25, unemployed, was remanded till this morning by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Ko was alleged to have, together with Chan Po and Tsui Choi, assaulted the complainants at Kennedy Road, near McDonald Road, on Dec. 22 with intent to rob them.

DEPORTEE IN COURT

For breach of a deportation order, Cheung Yue, 24, unemployed, who was banished for life on Dec. 8, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday. It was stated that it was defendant's third return.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

POSSESSION OF HEROIN

Li Hin, 38, was charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with possession of heroin pills at Yau Ma Tei Railway Station. Defendant was remanded for seven days.

GENERAL

CHINA CLIPPER DUE TODAY

Pan American Airways' China Clipper, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Dec. 17, is expected to arrive in Hongkong from Manila this afternoon and will leave on her return flight tomorrow morning for San Francisco via Manila.

The Honolulu Clipper is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday next, Dec. 31, and to leave the following morning.

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POSSESSION OF WARD

Charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with possession of a ward without notifying the S.C.A. a tailor, Wong Yau, 42, was fined \$10.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that information was received that a ward was being ill-treated at No. 40, Takuking Road and the premises was visited on Tuesday.

The defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 and to be expelled from the Colony.

THEFT OF RICE

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the matter of the Estate of ROGER EDWARD LIND, SELL late of Durban, South Africa, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Sec: 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 14th day of January, 1941, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1940.

Sd: L. R. ANDREWES,
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The Registry, Supreme Court.

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NOTICE

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The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

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"HELP THE POOR"

(To the Editor, H. K. Daily Press, Dear Sir:

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 27, 1940.

ON THE PATH TO VICTORY

HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S Christmas message to the people of the British Empire was symbolic of the spirit of confidence with which the people are looking to the future. His Majesty stressed this confidence when he said that Britain and her allies have now planted their feet on the path to victory—a position which has been made possible by the gallantry of the British fighting forces, to whom he paid a striking tribute for the manner in which they had rallied to the aid of the mother country. At the same time, His Majesty did not forget to impress on his people the need for greater sacrifices in order to overcome the difficulties that still confront the forces of right before ultimate victory is won. "The future will be hard," he said, and in those words he laid stress on the fact that the dangers and difficulties before them should not be under-rated. His Majesty also pointed out that the surest way of overcoming what was before them was to increase the spirit of neighbourliness and the spirit of unity which had been created by the struggle in which the Empire was now engaged. "We must go on thinking less of ourselves and more for one another," said His Majesty—an appeal that will surely not be neglected, for it is by this very spirit of unselfishness that so much has already been achieved.

HIS MAJESTY'S solicitude for the children who had been separated from their homes and from their families by the war could not have failed to stir the hearts of his people. Essentially a children's festival, he felt that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of their happiness this Christmas. His heartiest thanks to the peoples of the dominions and the United States for having so generously offered their hospitality to the children who had to be sent away to places of safety must have comforted many a home in London and helped to soothe the pangs which such separation causes to parents at this festive season. Such thoughts, coming from the head of the state, will not only make the people whom he addressed willing to endure the hardships of the present time to the end, but will increase their determination to ensure, as His Majesty said, that Britain will be able to secure for the world that orderliness and lasting peace which will make future Christmas seasons all the happier for what Britain and her allies are seeking to accomplish.

HIS MAJESTY had a word of cheer to the older people and he assuredly raised a spark of pride in their hearts when he declared that they were all in the front line of the struggle today against the aggressors of the rights and liberties of mankind. It is this pride of comradeship that has enabled the British people to face the ordeal be-

As it is the case and so some of the poor try to get their living by many kinds of way to maintain their daily meals and others. I am very aware that many who steal or cheat things out of others are compelled to do what they should not do as things of nature go on or are concerned.

Many the poor get their food only by begging from places to places or men to men.

I do hope in the merry time as now happy New Year and we should think of the poor and try our utmost best to give them some help. Usually in streets or in roads we can easily see some poor begging food so eagerly and piteously, they of course have their sad stories not to be told to others. In this time should we give them some help they will feel happy and comfortable as they have such help.

In my point of view I should say that we should save some money out of expenditures in things we should buy for New Year or Christmas. To do something for the poor is good for all the others.

In conclusion, I should say we should always remember one thing which is "To help the poor."

GEORGE T. P. TANG.

POLICE REPORTS

A European, A. V. Frain, 43, residing at No. 26, Mody Road, first floor, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering abrasions to the head alleged to have been received in a fight in Salisbury Road on Christmas Day.

A woman, Fung Ng, was knocked down by a bus in an accident in Salisbury Road about 1 p.m. yesterday. Chan Siu-wai, licensed driver, operating bus No. 826 on Route No. 2, the vehicle concerned in the accident, reported to the police the woman had attempted to cross the road from left to right in the path of the moving bus and was struck by the left front mud guard. She was seriously hurt.

A woman, Yim Ham, 38, was robbed of money and property to the value of \$27 when held up by five youths in a lane behind No. 214 Fa Yuen Street, 8.25 o'clock last night.

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NOTABLE VICTORY FOR GREEK TROOPS: TAKE POSITION NEAR PREMETI

The latest official news from Albania is contained in a Greek communiqué issued on Wednesday night, which states that successful local fighting continued on Christmas day, states a London message.

GREEK TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SCORED A NOTABLE VICTORY WHEN THEY CAPTURED A POSITION NEAR PREMETI.

An Athens spokesman said that the victory was a great strategic importance and that the Greeks are now pushing on to Chirnara.

Albanian irregular troops are reported to be very active behind the Italian line, some of them even got into Tirana and stuck up posters, calling on Italians to leave Albania.

General Papagos, the Greek Commander, has sent a telegram to the British air forces, expressing his most cordial wishes for the successful outcome of the struggle and the continual co-operation between the two countries in a common cause.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

British bombers flew over Corfu on Christmas Day and dropped gifts of clothing for children. As the British machines rolled over only 100 ft. from the ground, the people cheered and waved their hands.

Later, Italian planes made a vicious bombing attack on Corfu—their 25th raid on the island.

Fifteen people were killed and 30 were wounded.

The latest British air attack in the Albania war was made on the port of Valona. This was the 13th raid on the port. The attack resulted in the blowing up of munition dumps, burning of barracks and destruction of petrol dumps.

Other raids were carried out on Durazzo further north where a petrol depot was gutted and a wooden jetty destroyed.

The total number of Italian planes shot down over Albania

ENGLAND'S PEACE PLANS WILL BE LAID ON BASIS OF CHRISTIANITY

Although involved in a life-and-death struggle, England, strange as it may seem, finds time to discuss not preparations for "future wars" but preparations for peace, and is asking that the peace of the future be based on Christian principles, according to FATHER RUSSELL M. SULLIVAN, S.J. of the Ateneo faculty, Manila, in a radiocast recently, reports the Manila Bulletin.

Quoting three leading articles in the London Times, Father Sullivan said this secular daily is appealing for a change of the school policy which has resulted in what it calls "an appalling ignorance of Christian doctrine among the younger generation."

CHRISTIAN ENGLAND

It asks the question: "What is being done to insure that post-war England shall be, more adequately than in the past, a Christian England? . . . and urges that Christian teaching shall be made fully available in all places of education supported by the state, and that it shall be given by duly qualified and believing teachers."

In asking for more vigorous teaching of the truths of Christianity, the London Times, according to Father Sullivan, who quotes from it further, asserts that "to work resolutely for this must be an essential part of our post-war planning" and warns that "unpreparedness for peace may be nearly as dangerous as unpreparedness for war."

WORTHY OF ATTENTION

"No one to my knowledge," Father Sullivan resumed, "has ever accused this newspaper of leaning toward the cause of religion. Many have accused it of just the opposite. That makes its pronouncements all the more worthy of attention. . . . This dreadful war has brought England to her senses, has set England thinking. . . . Today she is asserting that Christianity is necessary for permanent peace, that Christian instruction is necessary for the preservation of Christianity."

Father Sullivan quoted John Locke Jr., Sir Walter Scott, Lord Derby, William Gladstone, Henry Home and others, none of them Catholics, "who could look about them and see that under a system of non-religious education the nation would be dechristianized and that would spell ruin to the national life."

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Father Sullivan went on to discuss the system of public education.

Thailand Is Prepared To Negotiate With Indo-China

BANGKOK, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Warm appreciation of Britain's friendship and watchful interest in Japan's "new order" in East Asia were expressed by the Thai Premier Luang Bupul Songram in an interview with Reuter's correspondent in which the Premier voiced Thailand's readiness to negotiate with France on the Indo-China dispute.

Wearing a military uniform the Premier received the correspondent in the red-and-gold drawing room of his heavily guarded palace. On a table at his elbow stood an elegantly framed photograph of King George in admiral's uniform, and His Majesty's warrant appointing the Premier Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Luang Bupul Songram cordially affirmed that Thailand's relations with Britain were of an extremely smooth character mentioning as an instance of this the recent speedy and amicable settlement of a boundary dispute. From this he drew the assumption that Britain sympathised with Thailand's claims against Indo-China.

The Prime Minister said that Thailand was prepared to shake hands with France tomorrow and to forget the 75-year-old feud connected with a territory of half a million square miles gradually annexed by France and now called Indo-China on condition that two small bits of thinly-populated territory this side of the Mekong River were retroceded, thus giving Thailand a natural frontier.

Incidentally, he mentioned that on the eve of the outbreak of war France sought a military pact with Thailand. This the latter declined to enter into desiring to maintain her neutrality.

The Prime Minister added that Thailand was interested in Japan's "new order" in East Asia and would study it carefully as she had trade and other relations with Japan but her first concern would always remain the maintenance of an independent existence.

IRELAND WANTS HELP FROM AMERICA

In a broadcast speech to the United States from Dublin, Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Eire Premier, appealed to America for more weapons to defend Ireland, states a London message.

Mr. de Valera stated that nearly one-quarter of Eire's manpower was now in the defence services, but this did not safeguard Eire's neutrality from attack and new arms were needed for the forces.

Mr. de Valera stated that at no time since the war began had there been friction between Eire and the belligerent Governments and Eire wanted that state to continue.

INDIA CRICKET SCORES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Scores at the close of the first day of play were:

India XI-251 (C. K. Naidu (Capt) 29); Ceylon tourists—98 for 3.

PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT

BOMBAY, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—At the end of the third day's play in the Pentangular Tournament the scores were:

Muslims—381 (Mushtaq Ali 110) and 18 for 2; Rest—202 and 226 (Amirulahi 7 for 104).

The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last minute on political grounds.

BITTER CAFE BRAWL IN SHANGHAI: NINE U.S. MARINES HURT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—NINE AMERICAN MARINES AND THREE BLUEJACKETS ARE REPORTED TO BE IN HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE MOST BITTER CAFE BRAWLS IN MANY MONTHS between defence forces of the International Settlement in which 100 American and Italian marines participated early on Christmas morning.

The Italian casualties are not known but it is reported several were seriously injured in the cafe clash which followed an argument over the use of a table.

It is reported Sikhs of the Settlement Police intervened and assisted the Americans against the Italians.

The melee raged till the arrival of the Military Police.

No official statement is available. It is reported the clash has been "settled amicably" and no repercussions are expected.

RARE OCCURRENCE

The clash was a rare occurrence in view of the self-imposed restrictions when out of barracks by the defence force for the purpose of avoiding disturbances.

Twenty-five American and Italian marines were injured in a cabaret Christmas brawl, according to a press report.

Italian officers are reported to have apologised to American officers.

Arrangements have been made to pay the cafe \$5,000 for chits unpaid when the fight started and \$2,000 for damage to the ballroom.

National Consultative Assembly

It was reported from Vichy yesterday that the National Consultative Assembly, which Marshal Petain intends to set up, will be instituted soon, states a London message.

According to Vichy newspapers, this body will not have the character of the Parliament. Most of the members will be nominated by the head of the State and will be responsible for him.

One newspaper said that Marshal Petain will not give up any of his personal authority and that

initiative and control of public affairs will belong exclusively to the head of the State.

In occupied France yesterday, the Germans are reported to have imposed a fine of Franks 1,000,000 on the population of Orleans. A German telephone wire was cut and as the culprit could not be found, the whole town was fined.

DEATH LEAP ALLEGED

The body of a well-dressed Chinese woman, aged about 20, was lying dead in a pool of blood on the street in front of Ah Chow Seck Yuen Cafe at No. 251, Des Voeux Road Central, at 8 a.m. yesterday.

She was alleged to have jumped from the fourth floor of the hotel building.

BOOKED ROOM

According to the management, the deceased came to the hotel with a middle-aged man on the afternoon of Dec. 23 and booked room No. 512. After staying for two days, the man left at midnight yesterday last.

After the incident had occurred, blood was reported to have been found in the cupboard in the room, and other signs showed that apparently a fight had taken place.

NORWEGIANS SECRETLY AIDING ENGLAND

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 14—Dr. Edward L. Hambro, son of the president of the Norwegian parliament, told the Canadian club today of the bitter lessons of Norway, and expressed his "amazement" at the "reports in American newspapers of my countrymen selling out to the Nazis."

"Iceland, Stowe for example," Hambro declared, "described the gigantic, modern fortifications" at Oslo. He and others cabled dispatches about Norwegian fifth columnists.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. Certainly we have traitors and fifth columnists. But they are all German." The Oslo fortifications, Hambro asserted, were 125 years old, and "anything but modern or extensive."

"We have full confidence that the united efforts of the British Commonwealth will result in victory, and we will continue to do our utmost to contribute to the common task."

GERMAN LOSSES
He estimated that Germany had

SULTAN OF SELANGOR ON WAR EFFORT

"Selangor is a Sovereign State under the protection of the British Government. Because of that protection we have our obligations towards that Government. One of the obligations is to give to that Government, to the best of our ability, all possible and suitable help for the success of its undertakings. If the power under whose protection we are gets into difficulties, we too will get into difficulties. Some of the help that we can render is to give financial assistance, to increase food production in the State and to be loyal to the Government of the State and to the British Government. We must all unite and co-operate for the discharge of our obligation."

So said His Highness the Sultan of Selangor addressing the State Council meeting held at the Astana recently.

VARIOUS MEASURES
Proceeding, His Highness said: "Since the beginning of this year my Government and the inhabitants of my State have carried out various measures for the purpose of rendering assistance to the British Government and for ensuring the safety of the State. During this year the F.M.S. has sent to England the sum of \$13,043,205 for the prosecution of the war. The money belonged to the Government of the F.M.S. and Selangor's share was included in it."

"The sum remitted is by no means large, but it is a token of our loyalty to the Government of His Majesty the King. Apart from that the people of all races living in my State have contributed the sum of \$391,233 to the Malaya Patriotic Fund for the purpose of giving assistance and providing comfort to those who suffer directly from the war."

"The people of my State are contributing to the F.M.S. War Fund. The ladies are very industrious in making garments for use during the cold season, and the articles made are sent to England for use there, and in other theatres of war."

"My Government has spent large sums of money on extending rice cultivation, with the object of producing this essential article of food sufficient for consumption in the State, so that we may not be dependent on outside sources for that article."

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 71 and the minimum 59.

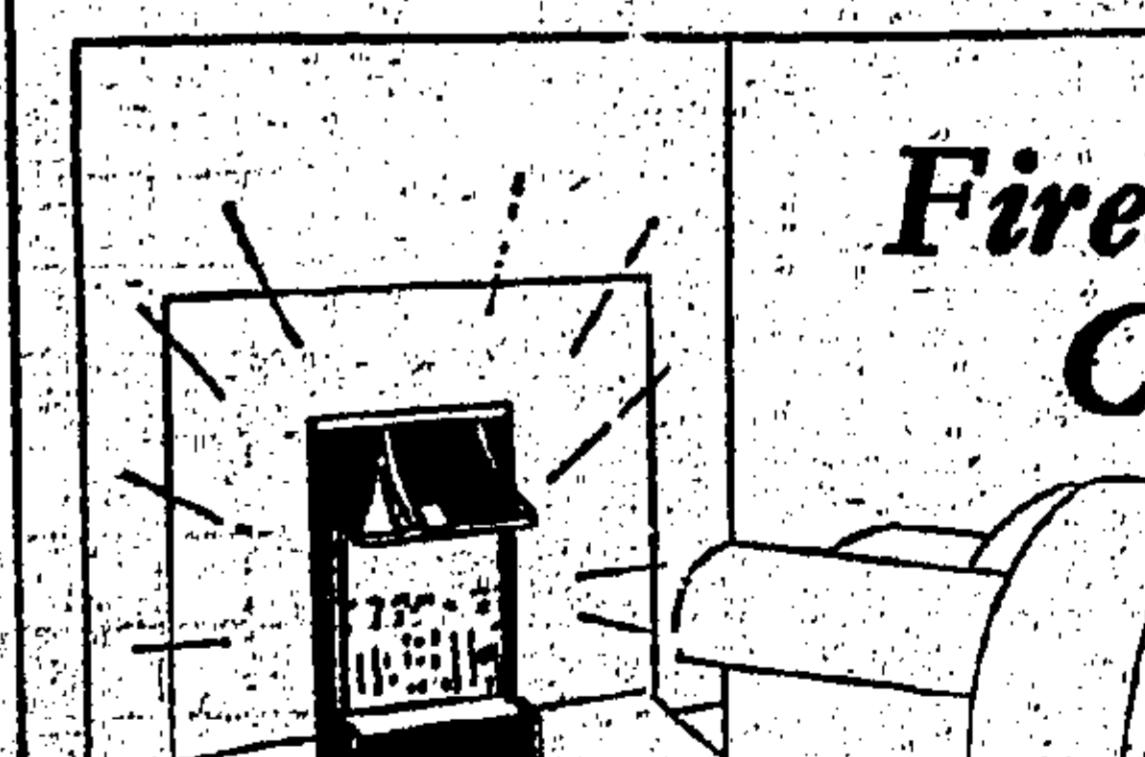
Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.69 inches against an average of 55.02.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A strong anticyclone covers the whole of China, pressure being highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley; a ridge of high pressure extends from it to the Bonin Islands.

More than 40 different manufacturers in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide have developed dies, jigs, and fixtures—in all about 500 different parts. Orders will be placed for more than 1,000,000 items for the 500 engines, ranging from small bolts and nuts to crankshafts connecting rods, piston

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THE SKY MINE OF THE FUTURE

Professor A. M. Low is the author of "Mine and Counter-mine" and in the introduction to his volume the Professor graphically explains the scope of his work.

"Because it is more spectacular," writes Professor Low, "submarine warfare has, until recently, attracted considerably more attention from the public than attack or defence by mine. Memories are short and statistics are dull. It was quickly forgotten, if ever appreciated, that mines accounted for more British warships in the Great War than submarine torpedoes, and that mines played a pivot part in the final defeat of Germany by throwing a wall of underwater death across the entrance of the Atlantic Ocean. It became a hundred to one chance against any submarine getting out of the North Sea."

"The mine quite suddenly became dramatic news again during one fatal week when the losses of British and neutral shipping by mine-mines laid off the coast, presumably magnetic mines, were very heavy. But, as always, the defence to a new weapon was quickly put into action, mines warfare again becoming a little unspectacular until Britain announced her huge minefields off the Danish and Norwegian coasts or even in the Baltic itself."

BIG AREAS FOR MINES

"It would be giving away no secret to say that the shaded portions shown on maps as minefields are not, in fact, complete minefields, but areas in which mines may be laid. It would take a large force at least one year completely to fill such areas with mines—the laying of the Northern Barrage in the Great War took this time, and even then, this barrage was never completed.

"But, and this draws attention to an important aspect of mine warfare, the threat of minelaying is itself a powerful weapon. No warship can steam, with indifference, through an area which may be mined; no submarine can venture into it without profound danger and its resultant psychological effect on the crew. Sweepers have to be brought into action and all the elaborate machinery of countermeasures put into service.

"A great victory may be secured by making the enemy afraid of a certain area; if it can be done without actually laying the mines, so much the better. It is a dangerous and time-wasting job for him to make the test.

"For this reason alone, in spite of the excellent methods of countering the mine, it is likely to remain an important factor in sea warfare until some completely efficient protection for individual ships can be invented. Mine-sweeping is effective, but it takes time; slows up movement.

"The Germans turned to mines in the nineteen-thirties because they had memories of the rough handling received by their submarines in 1918. If they based their sea strategy against Britain on the mine, they overlooked the fundamental point which has been true since the beginning and will continue to be true until minelaying by aircraft on a large scale becomes practicable, that for offensive minelaying—this is to say, minelaying outside the home harbours—command of the sea is necessary.

"The submarine minelayer, it can be argued, altered that by allowing mines to be laid in spite of superior naval forces; but this is only true so long as submarines can frequently and safely penetrate enemy waters. Technical improvements have made this exceedingly difficult; so difficult, in fact, that if the submarine is successful it could probably do more damage by using torpedoes deliberately aimed, than mines which are hit or miss affairs.

"Because of her tradition, Britain began the Great War very much behind in minelaying equipment. The Admiralty have not made the same mistake twice, and before the present war is finished the enemy may well wish that the mine had never been invented, not because of shipping losses, but because of the effective closing of channels so essential to enemy transport or merchantmen."

There are chapters on the "Minelayers at Work," "Mine Sweeping," "Land Mines" and "The Suicide Squad"—those who deal with floating mines and those washed ashore. Dealing with "The Future of the Mine," Professor Low, in his interesting book closes on the following hopeful note:

THE SKY MINE

"The sky mine is only in the experimental stage; it has probably far to go before it can become a serious weapon of war; but it may contain the germ of a means whereby the most horrible form of warfare ever evolved will come to an end. If concrete or the anti-tank gun can nullify the colossal weapons of attack already in existence, it does not seem un-

Salaries Increased In Shanghai

CITY FIRMS FOLLOW COUNCIL'S LEAD

The recent increase made by the Shanghai Municipal Council in the allowance of Municipal employees has resulted in many employers in the Settlement making further adjustment in the salaries of their staff, official sources on Dec. 18 disclosed to the North China Daily News.

IMPROVED EARNINGS

The Council's action will considerably improve the earnings of lower paid regular members of its staff. Although their income even today will not be commensurate with the high cost of living, their situation will be ameliorated to a great extent by the increment.

An office cleaner on a com-mencing basic monthly pay of \$17 will now receive a minimum allowance of \$40, to which is added a minimum rice allowance of \$15, bringing his total monthly earnings to \$72. If the price of rice goes up, his earnings will increase proportionately under the new plan adopted by the Council.

With second grade Saigon rice at \$1.50, the rice allowance (half the difference between this price and \$35) will be \$22.25 and his total earnings today would be actually \$30.25.

POLICE PAY

Adjustments in the pay of the members of the Police Force have been more liberal to compensate

AMATEUR ASTRONOMER IN P.I. FIRST TO SEE NEW CUNNINGHAM COMET

NICK KAMINSKI, THE PHILIPPINES' BEST-KNOWN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER, recently claimed—and Father Pablo Guzman-Rivas of the Manila Observatory graciously yielded the honor—to be the first man in the Islands to sight the newly discovered Cunningham comet, writes Alfonso Demoga in the Manila Bulletin.

Fabian R. San Juan, an employee of the Philippine sugar administration and himself "addicted" to stargazing, having been associated with Kaminski since 1919, told the Bulletin that Kaminski saw the comet in Baguio with 18-power Zeiss binoculars around 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24.

OBSERVATIONS VERIFIED

San Juan, who had just come down from Baguio with instructions from Kaminski to clear up the point of who had first seen the comet in the archipelago, said Nick immediately verified his first

observations by turning on the comet's four-inch telescope, which had been set up just outside the Mansion House.

Nick claims he had witnesses, too—a Mr. Juhan, another amateur as-

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 24, 1940

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/3
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/3
Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:—
On demand 415
On Singapore:—
On demand 53 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/2
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 82 1/2
and demand 82 1/2
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/16
On Batavia:—
On demand 43 7/2
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:—
On demand 101 3/4
On Manila:—
On demand 46 7/8
On Bangkok:—
On demand 149
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Now.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/8
Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Dec. 24 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 24.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952) 103
Defence Loan, 3% 101
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 13
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 284
Chinese 5% Record Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10
China Imperial Rly. 5% 47
Honan Rly. 5% 164
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13
Lung Tsing & U Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14
Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 26
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 6
Chartered Bank 21
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 78
H.K. & Shai Bank (Cal. Reg.) 81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 18/3
Chosen Corporation 4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G" 104
Pekin Syndicate 2/-
Shai Elec. Constr. Co. 15/-
Shai Waterworks "A" 134
Union Insurance 20
Gula Kalimpong Rubber 15/3
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly. 13
Great Western Rly. 324
National Bank of India 32
R.A. Tob. (bearer) 88/9
Dunlop Rubber 32/4
Bristol Aeroplane 9/9
Imperial Chemical Ind. 29/44
United Steel 21/74
Woolworths 63/9
Markman Investments 7/6
Western Holdings 9/3
Gulf-Nigel 160
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 40
—bid. —ex. div.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 24 (Reuter).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle
Price, 2257 1/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle
Price, 2259 7/8.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER
S P O T Previous Dec. 23
Close 38-1/4
Opening 38-1/4
Buyers 38-1/4
Sellers 38-1/4
Change unch.
JAN-MARCH 37-7/8
APRIL-JUNE 36-5/8

The market was very quiet.

The market will be closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

LONDON RUBBER
S P O T Previous close 11-15/16
Today's close 11-15/16
Buyers 11-15/16
Sellers 11-15/16
Change up 1/16
JANUARY 11-15/16
FEBRUARY 12-1/16
APRIL-JUNE 12-3/16
JULY-SEPT. 12-3/16

The market will remain closed on December 25-26, and January 1, 1941.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close 128.89; Today's close, 128.41; Change, off 4.6.

NOTE: All American markets will remain closed on Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1, 1941 (New Year's Day).

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

New York, Dec. 24, 1940.

High Low Prev. Today's Close Close Change
New York Cotton, March 10.14 10.09 10.12 10.13 .01 up
New York Rubber, March 85 84 84 85 1/2 1/2 up
Chicago Wheat, May 61 60 60 61 1/2 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May 2268 12.55 12.50 12.63 10 up
New York Hides, March 10.12 N 10.12 N .02 up

NEW YORK COTTON
Close Opening Closing Change
January 9.98/98 9.97/97 9.99/99 .01 up
March 10.12/12 10.11/11 10.13/14 .01 up
May 10.05/06 10.04/04 10.08/08 .03 up
July 9.82/82 9.80/80 9.86/86 .04 up
October 9.31/31 9.28/28 9.35/35 .04 up
December 9.30 N 9.29/29 9.35 N .05 up
Spot 10.12 N 10.12 N .02 up
Total sales Monday: 41,900 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER
January 20.35b unquoted 20.40b .05 up
March 20.20/20 20.05b/30a 20.20/25a unch.
May 19.98/98 19.95b 19.98b 20.05a .06 up
July (New contract) 19.84b unquoted 19.90b .06 up
Total sales: 120 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 84/84 84/84 85/85 1/2 up
July 79/79 79/79 80/80 1 up
Saturday's sales: unrecd.

CHICAGO CORN
May 601/604 601/604 614/614 1/2 up
July 601/604 601/604 614/614 1 up
Total sales for the day: 95 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 34-3/4
NY-London Cross Rate 403-1/2 403-1/2

U.S. LOANS FOR CHINA'S RECONSTRUCTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—Three Chinese financiers from Shanghai arrived here to arrange for loans for the reconstruction of China.

They are P. C. Young, of the Kincheng Banking Corporation, C. S. Liu, of the China Development Finance Corporation, and Fred S. Robertson, Kann and Richards.

They will remain here for two or three days before heading for Washington to confer with Government officials and Mr. T. V. S. Wong, special Chinese envoy.

KWANGSI CO-OPTS

KWEILIN, Dec. 26, (Central)—The co-operative enterprises in Kwangsi are making big strides. Up to the end of the current year, the number of co-operatives has reached 15,937, with a total membership of 524,638 persons, and an aggregate share capital of \$731,438.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Silver—Little bear covering in the absence of sellers. Business very small. Market steady.

Spot, 23-1/4d.
Forward, 23-3/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Market—Quiet. Oftake 20 bars Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-02
Dec. 27 Settlement 62-01
Jan. 22 Settlement 62-01

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168/-

FINANCE

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

DECEMBER 25, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 24	STOCKS	Last Sale Dec. 24
Adams, Express	51	Loew's Inc.	314
Aleghany Steel Co.	234	Loft Incorporated	171
Allis Chalmers	36	Mack Truck Inc.	283
Aluminum Ltd.	734	Martin, Glen L.	294
Amer. Can.	88	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	251
American Cyanamid Co.	36	Montgomery Ward	364
Amer. & Foreign Power	13/16	Mtaine City Copper Co.	3
Amer. & Foreign Power	14	National Aviation	104
Amer. Locomotive	158	Nat. Dairy Products	134
Amer. Metals Co.	178	National Distillers	224
Amer. Radiator	64	National Lead	164
Amer. Rolling Mill	16	Nat. Power & Light	67
Amer. Stings & Ring Co.	424	National Supply Corp.	54
Amer. Sugar Refining	134	New York Central	134
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	1661	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Tobacco "B"	694	N. American Aviation	164
Amer. Waterworks	62	North American Co.	164
Anaconda Copper	26	Northern Pacific	54
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	174	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	444
Aviation Corp.	42	Pacific Gas & Elec.	274
Baldwin Locomotive	164	Packard Motors	31
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Pan-American Airways	154
Barber Asphalt Co.	94	Paramount Pictures	108
Barnard Oil	82	Pennsylvania R.R.	104
Sendix Aviation	33	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3/16
Sethlehem Steel	55	Phillips Petroleum	404
Shiss & Co.	161	Pullman Inc.	234
Soeing Airplane Co.	173	Pure Oil	84
Borg-Warner	182	Radio Corp. of Am.	44
Briggs Mfg.	244	Reading Company, Com.	128
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	51
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	34	Republic Aviation Corp.	44
Case, J.I.	534	Republic Steel	214
Celanese	27*	Revere Corp.	104*
Chesapeake & Ohio	418	Reynold Tobac. "B"	304
Chrysler Corp.	74	Safeway Stores	314*
Columbia Gas & Elec.	—	Com. & Southern (Ord.)	4
Commercial Credit Co.	282	Schenley Distillers	11
Concordia Edison	214	Sears Roebuck	77
Consolidated Edison	57	Shell Union Oil	104
Continental Can	38	Socony-Vacuum Oil	84
Continental Oil	184	Southern Pacific	74
Copperfield Steel	184	Southern Ry 55 pfd.	204
Curtiss Wright (C)	24	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	364
Curtiss Wright "A"	23	Standard Brands	64
Stand Gas & Elec.	1	Standard Oil of California	184
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	181	Standard Oil of N.J.	334
Douglas Aircraft	754	Stone & Webster	72
Du Pont de Nemours	1634	Studebaker Corp.	72
Eagle Picher Lead	104	Swift International	174
Eaton Mfg. Co.	344	Technicolor	82
Elec. Autolite	343	Texas Corp.	304
Elec. Bond & Share	37	Texaco Gulf Sulphur	364
Elec. Bond & Share 55 pf.	58	Timken-Axle	303
Elec. Bond & Share 56 pf.	66	Trans-Amer. Co.	44
Elec. Power & Light 7 pf.	314	20th Cent. Fox	64
Flintkote	142	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	114
Gen. American Trans.	542	Union Carbide & Carbon	888
Gen. Electric	324	Union Pacific	75
Gen. Motors	482	United Aircraft	414
Gen. Railway Signal	134	United Airlines Trans.	158
Gen. Tire & Rubber	114	United Corp.	18
Gildden Co.	123	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	284
Goodrich (B.F.)	13	United Gas Improvement	94
Goodrich \$5 pf.	634	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	234
Great Northern Iron Ore	15	U.S. Rubber	218
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	264	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	884
Great Western Sugar	19	U.S. Smelting	634
Greyhound Corp.	114	U.S. Steel	682
Hercules Powder Co.	724	Vanadium	33
Homestake Mining	51	Vultee Aircraft	74*
Int. Nickel	224	Walworth Co.	54
Inter. Paper & Power	141	Warner Bros. Pict.	34
Int. Tel. & Tel.	28	Westinghouse Elec.	1014
Kennecott Copper	354	Woodward Iron Co.	314
Lakey Foundry & Msc.	34	Chase National Bank	324*
Libbey-Owens-Ford. Glass	414	National City Bank	26*
Lockheed Aircraft	204	Business Done: \$20,000 shares	

DOW JONES AVERAGE

High Low Dow Jones Averages, Dec. 23, 1940.	High Low Close Change

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manilla.
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MATUE MARU ... Tuesday, 31st Dec.
RANGOON & CALUTTA via Singapore
MATUMOTO MARU ... Tuesday, 31st Dec.
GENOA MARU ... Sunday, 12th Jan.
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330 New Vessels For U.S.

The Bulletin of the American Bureau of Shipping reported recently that 330 vessels of 1,558,720 gross tons were under construction or under contract in United States shipyards on September 1st, as compared to 180 vessels of 693,115 gross tons on September 1st, 1939. The new figure also represents an appreciable increase over the figures a month ago, when 276 vessels of 1,427,710 gross tons were listed.

Reviewing the expansion programme of the Maritime Commission for the current month, the Bulletin disclosed that the commission had signed contracts for 174 vessels since its replacement schedule was started nearly three years ago. The ships ordered will have a total of 1,364,315 gross tons. Forty-two of the ships ordered are Diesel propelled and 132 are steam propelled. On September 1st the commission had laid 105 keels, launched sixty-two vessels and delivered forty-four.

SUPER-LINERS

The Maritime Commission has disclosed in Washington that only one company had bid on the construction of two super-liners planned for the San Francisco-Orient service of the American President Lines. The sole offer came from the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle, Wash.

Specially designed for quick conversion as aircraft carriers, the two ships will have their smokestacks offset on the edges of the decks. They will have accommodations for 1,000 passengers and a crew of 500. They will displace 35,000 tons, measure about 30,000 tons gross and will be 759 feet long. Specifications call for a sustained sea speed of 24 knots and cargo space of 535,000 cubic feet.

Seattle-Tacoma bid \$28,458,000

for each of the ships on a fixed-price basis and \$23,715,000 on an adjusted-price basis. The estimated time for building the first ship is 1,080 days and the second 1,445 days.

SPRING FOR AUTO WHEEL

Henry Ford has just received a patent (No. 2,214,458) for a new system of suspending the rear wheels of automobiles which is said to give greater riding comfort to passengers.

In the new suspension each wheel is sprung independently so that it takes up the shock of bumps with minimum transfer to the auto body.

The rear wheel axles are housed in tubes which project from the differential unit. These axle tubes are connected to the differential by two universal or oscillating joints. A bracket fixed to the car body is joined to the ends of the axle tubes by radius rods.

Each wheel is thus free to move up and down and swing independently from the other. A single spring mounted across the axle tubes takes up the shocks.

In the conventional auto, rear wheels are mounted on a rigid, non-oscillating axle tube. Mr. Ford states that prior attempts at independent rear wheel suspension were complicated and required four universal joints, instead of the two which he uses.

The patent is assigned to the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Mich.

U.S. MILITARY COURSES BEING CONSTANTLY CHANGED BY EUROPEAN WAR TACTICS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS ARE HAVING A HARD TIME KEEPING UP WITH THEIR MILITARY SCHOOLING. War department officials disclosed that courses are revised constantly to keep abreast with the European military tactics.

Each year the army specialized training schools issue revised courses to keep reserve officers studying for high rank abreast of military developments. Since the world war these courses have not changed fundamentally from year to year.

Within the last month, however, the air corps schools have added seven new courses built around the use of aircraft to prepare the way for infantry advances. Germany used this strategy to an advantage, hurling dive bombers on French fixed fortifications which previously would have been attacked by the much slower process of moving artillery into position.

ARTILLERY COURSE

Artillerymen also have a lot of new wrinkles to learn. The field artillery school has issued 11 new courses: coast artillery officers have 12 new courses in their curriculum.

Cavalry courses are full of references to mechanization. One of the 14 new cavalry courses is entitled the Cavalry Horse Division, and the Mechanized Regiment in Combined Action. Another is Mechanized Cavalry. Germans coordinated mounted and mechanized troops with a high degree of efficiency in the battle of France.

12 NEW COURSES

The infantry school announced a total of 12 new courses, most of them developed around German tactics in the invasion of Poland and France.

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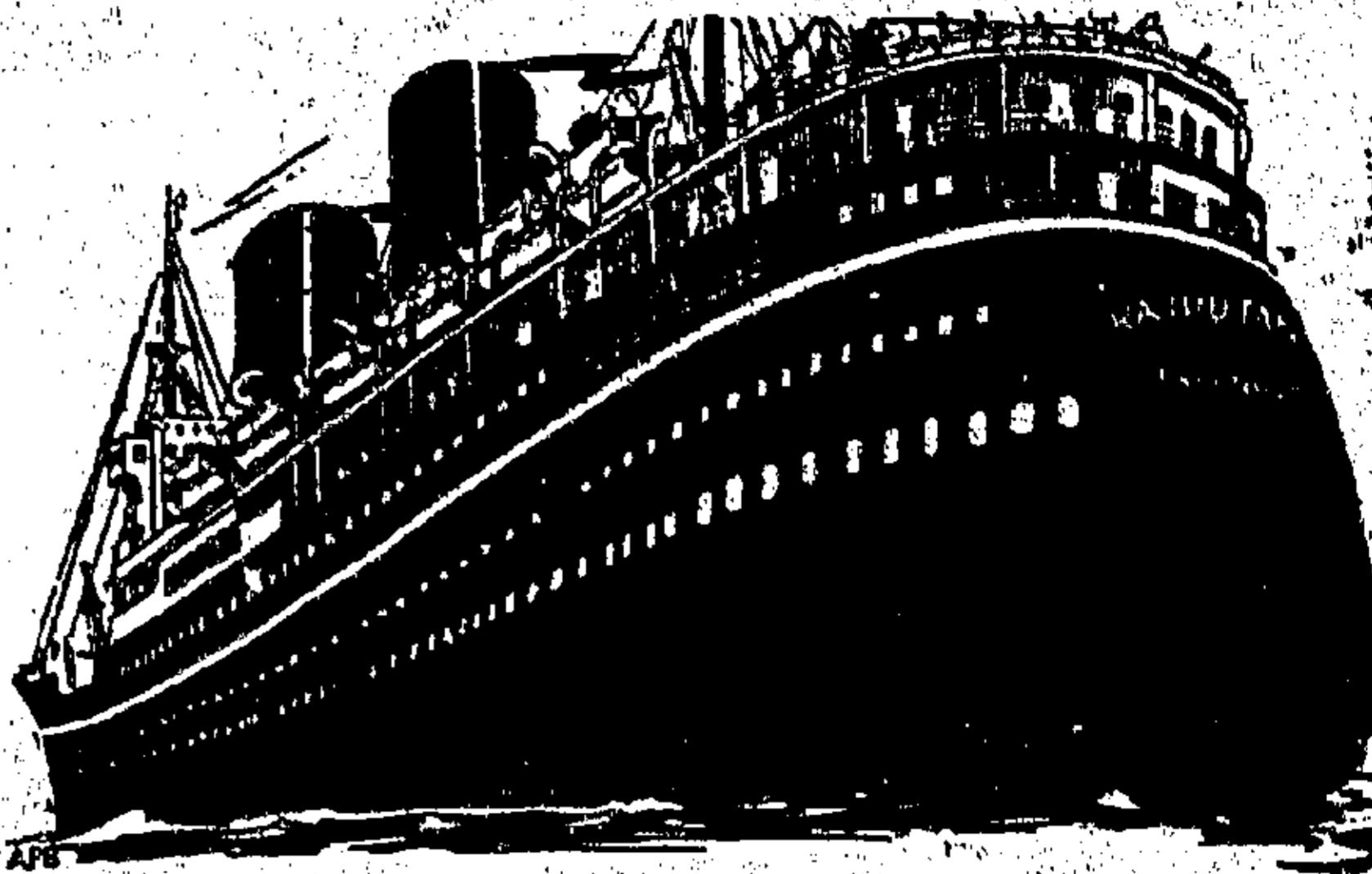
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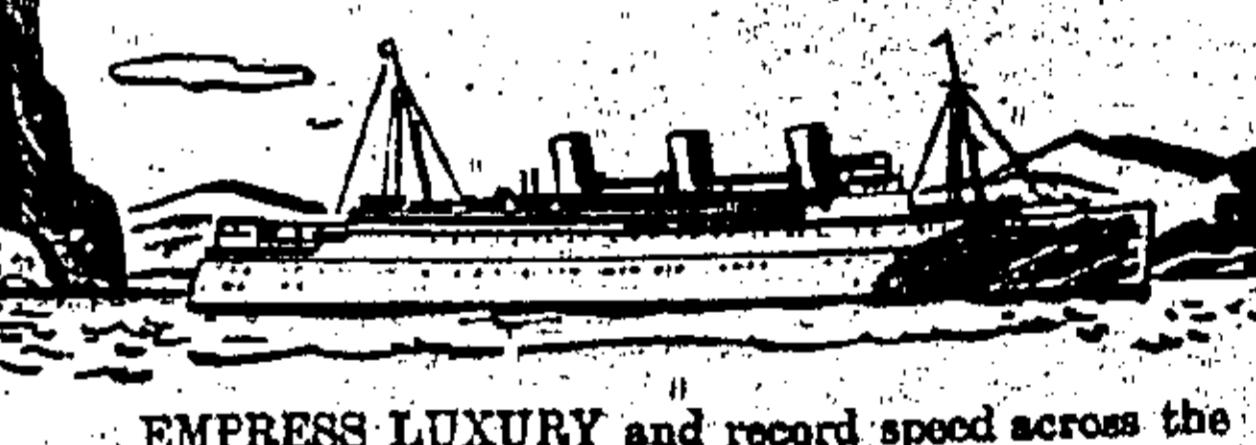
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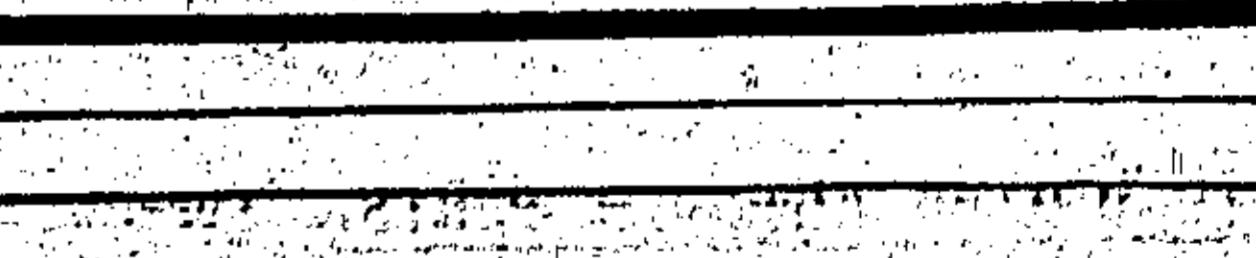
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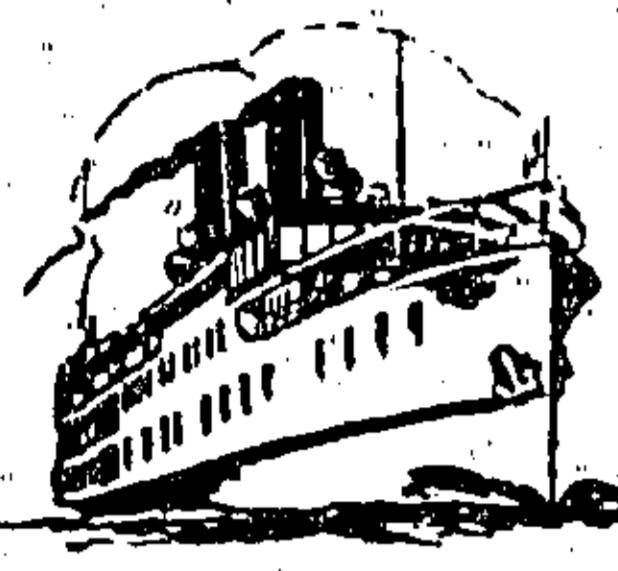
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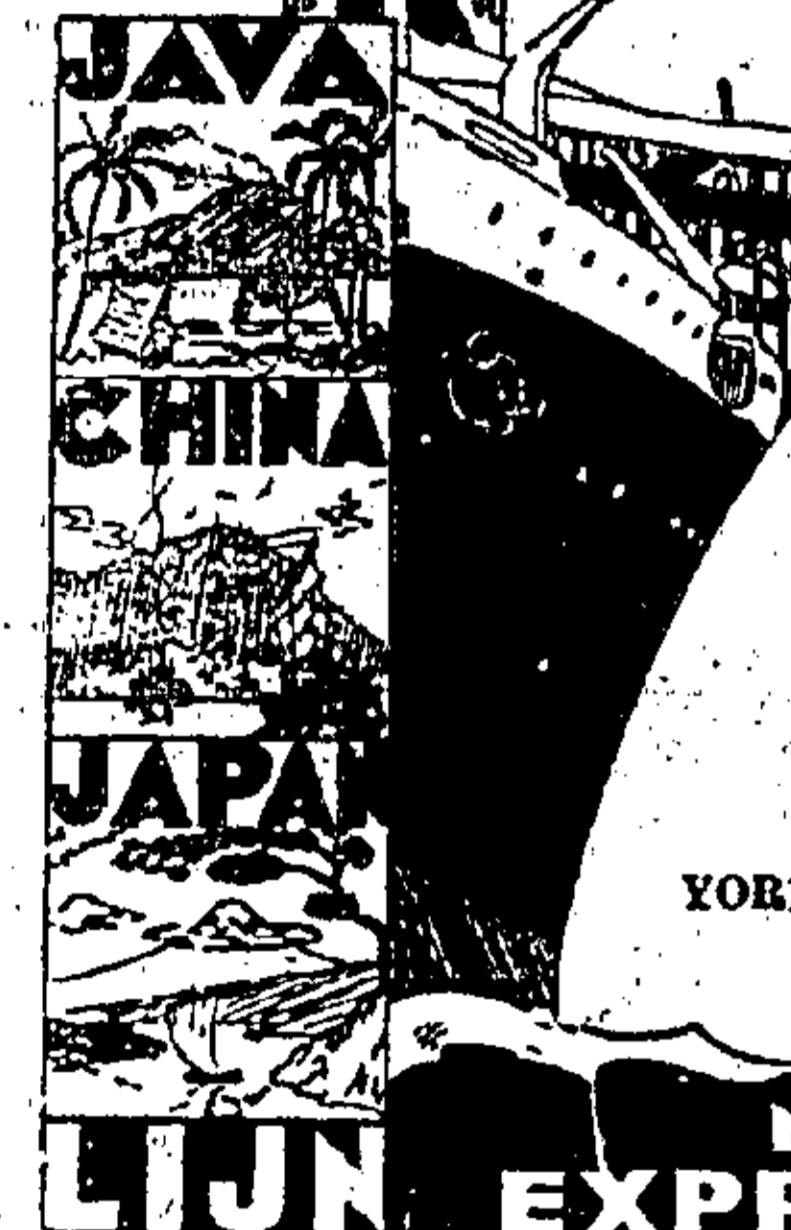
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Japanese Envoy To U.S. Believes Japan-American War Is Unnecessary

TOKYO, DEC. 2.—ADMIRAL KICHISABURO NOMURA, NEWLY APPOINTED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, told me that he did not believe there were any differences between Japan and America that could not be settled by time and state-craft, adding that "war between the United States and Japan would be tragedy for civilization."

Through the interview, the first he has granted since his investiture by Emperor Hirohito last Tuesday, Nomura displayed a keen sense of the responsibility he has assumed.

"No matter who won the first round, the peace of the Pacific area would be menaced regularly thereafter as the loser sought revenge," he declared. "We would have in this peaceful ocean the same sort of intermittent warfare that plagued Europe today."

DELICATE POST

Nomura emphasized the delicate and difficult nature of the post he had accepted, pointing out that he was well aware of the conflicting features between the fundamental policies of the United States and Japan, respectively, and the dangers for both peoples that these conflicts represented.

Nomura protested that he who had spent most of his adult life in the active naval service and had little first-hand experience in diplomacy was ill equipped for the task which confronts the Japanese Ambassador to Washington; he accepted the appointment at last, he explained, only at the urgent insistence of Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka.

The Ambassador was asked how he expected to explain the tripartite alliance with Germany and Italy as an instrument not aimed at the United States.

"Unfavourable American reaction to this pact has evoked official Japanese explanations that Japan's deal with the Axis was designed to preserve peace not start war with the United States."

NO DANGER OF WAR

Nomura explained he had not yet received his official instructions from the Foreign Minister, but personally thought there was no danger of the Axis treaty involving Japan in a war with America. In the first place, he said, the United States was already lending Britain the utmost aid of which she was capable and had promised to increase this aid as rapidly as

DRUGS TO EVADE ARMY

ALLEGED PLOT

Scotland yard officers, after five months' investigation, have uncovered what is alleged to be a plot involving West End doctors by which nearly 100 young men had hoped to evade Army service.

The attention of the authorities was first drawn to the scheme by the number of men from certain districts who had been rejected as totally unfit because of epilepsy.

The majority of the rejects were of good financial standing with business connections in the City and West End.

A number of people, including doctors who practise in the West End, are alleged to have been the brains behind the scheme.

THE METHOD

The method which it is alleged was practised began when a man whose claim was being called up was instructed to visit a named doctor.

The doctor examined him. If he was in good physical condition and certain to be drafted into the forces an appointment was arranged for the day on which he was due to appear before the military medical board.

On that day the man was given a drug which turned him into a temporary epileptic.

When the drug was working, the man was rejected by the medical board in all good faith as a genuine epileptic.

Within a day or two the effects of the drug passed away, and the man was able to return to his civil occupation.

Before ever the scheme was mentioned to him, the man's financial condition was well-proved, apparently, and he was told of the amount—in several cases up to £1,000—that he was to pay to the doctor.

NEW FORMULA

Nomura's appointment, which was received with great satisfaction in American circles here, gave rise to reports he accepted the appointment only after he and Matsuoka had devised a new formula they felt certain would alleviate the present severe strain on American-Japanese relations.

If such pains exist, however, Nomura's diplomatic discretion was more than adequate to conceal it. Throughout the lengthy conversation in the foreign room at Nomura's residence, the Ambassador gave the impression he

PARADOX OF PACIFISM

Ethics And Defence

The paradox of pacifism for British people is that we are all pacifists, and there is no pacifism. We are all ultimate pacifists. We all desire to see a warless world. We are fighting to re-establish the world on a basis of equity, liberty, and a worthy peace, writes T. G. R. in the Sydney Morning Herald.

And there is not a pacifist amongst us—not one, that is to say, who pushes the rational of his principles through to their inevitable corollary.

For a real pacifist, when his country went to war, would feel constrained to migrate to a neutral country, because his conscience would not allow him to accept the freedom secured him by his own country's use of force. He would refuse to work, to pay his taxes, or to buy anything, because his work and his taxes, direct and indirect, would help his country's war effort.

Many holding pacifist convictions have rendered great service in ambulance units. That is splendid, but illogical; for he who holds the sponge identifies himself with his principal in the ring, and, moreover, a large function of the ambulance is to restore the soldier that he may fight again. When the world is prepared for it, the principles of pacifism can be universally applied.

In the meantime, unilateral pacifism simply does not fit in with things as they are—as partial British experiment has demonstrated to the world's infinite cost. The pacifist, like everybody else, must live in the world as it is today, not the world of the past, not even the world of fifteen months ago.

It is difficult to see how any responsible section of the Christian Church could come to any other conclusion, especially in the face of Hitler's declared intention of "tearing up Christianity, root and branch, and annihilating it in Germany."

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE
We are fighting for infinitely more than democratic principles. We are fighting against the enslavement of mind and conscience imposed by Nazism on its own peoples, and those of every country it has over-run. Jesus said "He came to proclaim release for the captive, and to set at liberty them that are bruised," and He is the inspiration of that humanitarianism which grasps the sword of noble release.

One cannot, therefore, hold it to be Christian to accept the freedom which others are bleeding to give, and then turn round and tell them they are doing a wicked thing.

Christianity aims at the creation of an ideal brotherhood in which war would be unthinkable.

Rethune-Baker, in "The Influence of Christianity on War," is, no doubt, right when he infers that the absence from the teachings of Christ of condemnation of war in the abstract is due to the fact that Christ foresaw that the establishment of that ideal brotherhood would be a long and gradual process, and, in the course of that process, situations might arise in which it would be incumbent upon men of goodwill to use force in their resistance to aggressive violence. Precisely such a situation arose for our nation in 1939.

Pacifists and non-pacifists are agreed that aggressive violence is contrary to the spirit of Christ; the difference between them is on the ethics of using force for defence and release. It is difficult to see how it could be contrary to the spirit of Christ to take any measures requisite to free human lives and minds from the fetters forged in Hitler's evil amity. In times like ours, it is well to stay our minds on the immutable laws of God.

Here is one, enunciated by Christ Himself, and repeated in the Book of Revelations: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." This implies that a second sword must be raised up to strike down the sword of the aggressor. No logic can show how the aggressor can be stricken down with the sword, unless a sword is lifted up against him. No man can eliminate that second sword—the sword of defence and release.

was undertaking a difficult mission unarmed with any new "secret weapon" of a diplomatic nature.

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